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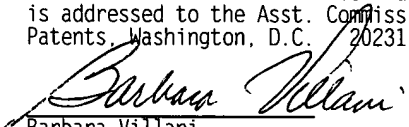
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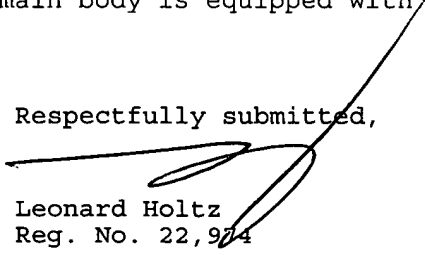
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DISCUSSION

USP 4,961,088 discloses a technical structure in which a memory is provided in a replaceable cartridge, a count of the number of printed images is logged and updated, and the cartridge is disabled from use when the count reaches a predetermined termination count.

USP 5,272,503 discloses an electrophotographic apparatus that adjusts the operating parameters of the main body according to the usage information stored in the memory, if the main body is equipped with a replaceable cassette having a memory.

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